

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

December 3, 2013, 10:00 a.m.  
IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Trevor Yager, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Pam Hicks

Members via teleconference: Susan Hardwick, Nancy Stewart

Members absent: Jon Ford, Trevor Yager

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci, Rex Van Zant

Note: due to lack of quorum, no actions were taken during this meeting. Action items will be deferred to a special meeting of the Executive Committee prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on December 13, 2013.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** IAC Vice-Chair Pam Hicks called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent agenda.** No action was taken. The minutes from the September 16, 2013 meeting of the Executive Committee will be presented for approval at a special meeting prior to the next meeting of the full Commission.

3. **Financials.** IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2014 IAC budget current through November 30, 2013. IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci reported that he and Ms. Anderson recently met with staff of the State Budget Agency to review the FY 2014 – 2015 IAC budget. Mr. Ricci reported that it was a very positive meeting.

4. **Appointments to the Commission.** Mr. Ricci announced that Allen C. Platt III from Floyds Knobs has been appointed to the Indiana Arts Commission, replacing Judy Hess. Commissioners Jon Ford and Linda Levell have been re-appointed for second terms.

5. **Executive Director Review.** Mr. Ricci reported that the Office of the Governor has approved a 3.1% salary increase for the IAC Executive Director, the first increase in six years. The State Personnel Department has begun the 2013 employee performance review process. The IAC Executive Committee will conduct the employee review for the Executive Director. Ms. Hicks remarked that “we have a fine staff that we can be proud of”.

## **6. Approval of Arts in Education Grants.**

a. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the review-panel scores for applications in the Arts in Education grant category for CY 2014. The Programs, Grants and Services Committee has previously reviewed the results and has recommend approval by the full Commission. Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken by the Executive Committee. Action will be deferred to the special meeting of the Executive Committee prior to the next meeting of the full Commission.

b. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the applicants for the second round of IAC-sponsored Community Cultural Planning Consultancies, and those that have been approved to receive the Consultancies. The Commission authorized the IAC Programs, Grants, and Services Committee to approve the Consultancies on behalf of the full Commission. Site visits are being scheduled for the selected communities.

**7. Planning Items.** Mr. Ricci reminded the Committee that the IAC's first Web Café will be held on Thursday, December 5. Feedback from the interactive session will be included in plans for the next three years of the IAC Strategic Plan. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) explaining the "Five Big Ideas" for strategic focus which were articulated in the September 2013 meeting of the full Commission. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) explaining five areas of possible IAC participation in the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial celebration. A draft of strategies and priorities for the next three years of the Strategic Plan will be presented at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the full Commission. Mr. Ricci also commented that an assessment of IAC resources – time, staff, and funding – will be necessary once the strategies and priorities have been finalized for the next three years. He cautioned everyone that changes may be necessary to align resources with stated priorities, and that an ad-hoc committee should be appointed to make such determinations.

## **8. Other Items of Note.**

a. Mr. Ricci reported that meetings have been scheduled between the IAC and the Department of Natural Resources, to explore possible joint Bicentennial projects. Meetings with the Bicentennial Commission are also on-going.

b. Mr. Ricci reported on progress for the third IAC-sponsored Economic Development Symposium, which will be presented in northern Indiana in cooperation with the Illinois and Michigan Arts Councils.

c. Mr. Ricci reported that the IAC-sponsored "Entrepreneurial Tools for Individual Artists Seminar" will be presented May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Indianapolis. Agencies cooperating in the presentation of the seminar include Indiana University's Maurer School of Law, Kelly School of Business, Jacobs School of Music, and School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Venues for the seminar include the Indiana State Museum, the Eiteljorg Museum of Indian and Western Art, and the Herron School of Art. The seminar is focused on providing tools for individual artists. The cost to participants will

be \$25.00 per day, and \$20.00 per day for students. Ms. Hicks remarked that this is a “fantastic opportunity.” IAC Commissioner Susan Hardwick said “kudos to all”, and IAC Commissioner Nancy Stewart added her praise as well.

**9. Other Items of Concern for Quarterly Business Meeting.** Mr. Ricci asked the Committee to consider other opportunities for the Commission to press the case for the arts during the next legislative session, which will begin in January. It will be a non-budgetary session, but there may be other areas where arts advocacy could be helpful.

**10. Old Business/New Business.** There was no old business. There was no new business.

**11. Adjourn.** Ms. Hicks thanked everyone for their participation, and closed the meeting at 10:55 a.m.